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R. C. HUTCHISON NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DAYLIGHT DRILL TESTS NEW WARNING SYSTEM

The new uniform Air Raid Warning System adopted for Pennsylvania and other Eastern states by the Army went into effect this week and was immediately given its first try-out in an educational practice air raid on Wednesday.

The practice, held simultaneously in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia from 10:50 to 11:15 A.M., gave both the

Citizens Defense Corps and the public their first experience with audible "blue" signals.

These new signals, one preceding and the other following the regular air raid alarm, are the principal innovations. The steady siren blast which previously meant "all-clear" now is the "blue" warning, and the "all-clear" no longer is given by siren but is announced by radio and by wardens.

Blackout Soon

As in previous drills, Pennsylvania's 572,000 Defense Corps members were mobilized Wednesday and Control Centers were manned. A practice blackout probably will be ordered soon to try the new system under night-time conditions.

The changes, first announced by the Eastern Defense Command and First Army on Jan. 27, were widely publicized by the Army, the OCD, and the SCD. Newspaper charts and stories, radio announcements, and posters were used.

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Succeeds Marts As Hamilton Is Elected Deputy

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, President of Washington and Jefferson College, was elected Executive Director of the State Council of Defense this week and immediately assumed his new duties in Harrisburg.

He succeeds Dr. A. C. Marts, President of Bucknell University, who resigned as Executive Director on Feb. 1 to become head of the U. S. Coast Guard's Port Security Regiments, with the rank of Captain.

Named Deputy

The State Council also elevated A. Boyd Hamilton, Secretary of the Council since its creation in April, 1941, to the new post of Deputy Executive Director. He had been serving as Acting Director since Dr. Marts' resignation.

Dr. Hutchison, who became President of W. and J. in 1931 at the youthful age of 33, will continue to head that institution, dividing his time between Harrisburg and the Washington, Pa., campus in the same manner that Dr. Marts continued at Bucknell.

Asked by Martin

In an announcement Tuesday, the W. and J. board of trustees pointed out they were loaning Dr. Hutchison's services to the Commonwealth at the request of Governor Edward Martin, Chairman of the State Council.

"Consent was given," said the announcement, "despite the critical need of the college for the full-time services of its President and only out of consideration of the national emergency, with which the office of Civilian Defense is associated."

Arrangements have been made by Dr. Hutchison to turn over his State salary to W. and J. "for the sustaining of special expenses made necessary through his absence and dual

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Ralph C. Hutchison (top), new Executive Director, and A. Boyd Hamilton (lower), Deputy Director

NEW FIRE ALARM

A new standard fire alarm consisting of three five-second blasts at three-second intervals has been adopted to avoid confusion between fire alarms and the new air raid signals.

The announcement was made by Charles E. Clark, Chief Fire Warden of the SCD and secretary of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association.

HONOR ROLL

Spring City Council of Defense has announced plans for a community honor roll listing local men who are in service.

Martin To Accept Salvage Honors

Pennsylvania's leadership in the national Salvage Program will be given recognition next Thursday, Feb. 25, when Governor Edward Martin accepts a special plaque awarded to this State by the War Production Board.

The plaque, to be presented in the House Caucus Room of the Capitol, will commemorate Pennsylvania's collection of 780,453 tons of iron and steel scrap in the two-month campaign last fall. This was 150,000 tons greater than the total of any other state.

Speakers at the ceremony will include Robert W. Wolcott, Coatesville, chairman of the American Industries Salvage Committee.

Even as the award was announced, the SCD Salvage Committee, headed by Warren R.

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Victory Garden Goal Doubled

With the goal nearly doubled from last year, Pennsylvania's Victory Garden Program is shaping up as one of the biggest and most popular phases of Civilian Defense for 1943.

"The program proved itself last year when more than 750,000 Victory Gardens were harvested in this State," said Mrs. H. B. Eliason, chairman of the SCD Victory Garden Committee. "That was one of the best records, if not the best, in the nation."

"This year, however, the U. S. Department of Agriculture

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Victory Garden Committees should welcome assistance from commercial garden interests, but should discourage any efforts by unofficial groups to start separate programs, the SCD Victory Garden Committee advises.

"Such efforts are confusing to citizens and will receive unfavorable comment," said a statement. "The public should be urged to seek information through the official Victory Garden channels."

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has set a national goal of 18,000,000 gardens. Pennsylvania's share, based on population, is 1,400,000 gardens, and I am confident we will attain this quota."

Matching the chairman's confidence were enthusiastic reports from many of the 700 county and local Victory Garden Committees. The announcement that one-fourth of our food production will go for military needs this year has resulted in thousands of inquiries from "new gardeners."

Major emphasis will be placed on increased suburban gardening and larger community plots in cities. Canning projects will be encouraged to insure full use of produce that is left over for next winter.

Local committees all over the State have made an early start on publicity and educational meetings.

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Roberts, turned its attention toward meeting a new scrap metal quota of 1,635,000 tons set for Pennsylvania for the first half of 1943. It is the highest quota for any state.

Farmers were urged to get worn-out farm equipment ready now for a state-wide collection that will be made as soon as the roads are open next spring. Special city collections were made by charity organizations late in January.

A WPB scrap metal report for the five-month period ending last Dec. 1 showed Pennsylvania leading the nation with 2,114,380 tons collected but indicated that the State was slightly under its quota for that period.

COUNCIL EXTENDS THANKS TO MARTS

A resolution commending Dr. A. C. Marts for his "efficient and harmonious direction" of Pennsylvania's Civilian Defense program from its inception in April, 1941, until his resignation on Feb. 1, 1943, was adopted by the State Council of Defense.

The resolution, submitted by Hon. F. Clair Ross, closed by wishing Dr. Marts "God-speed, good health, happiness, and great achievement" in his new duties as a Captain in the U. S. Coast Guard.

In a parting message to Civilian Defense volunteers, Dr. Marts expressed "admiration for the patriotic manner in which you have made the home front in our Commonwealth strong and brave during this present crisis."

22 COUNTIES NAME CHILD CARE UNITS

Child Care Committees have been appointed by 22 County Councils of Defense, according to reports submitted to Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, Director of Child Care for the SCD.

The counties are: Allegheny, Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, Clinton, Lycoming, Columbia, Dauphin, York, Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, Luzerne, Mifflin, and Lackawanna.

In addition, a number of Local Councils have named committees and seven other County Councils are considering appointments.

Daylight Drill Tests Warning System

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The State Council brought its rules and regulations into full conformity with the Army requirements by revising the Preamble and Rules 2, 3 and 4. Ten thousand copies of the new rules were distributed to Councils of Defense in the State.

One important change for Pennsylvania is the lifting of the requirement that Emergency Vehicles be equipped with headlight masks. Persons who have purchased such masks were advised to retain them, however, because they might be required later.

Among the advantages cited for the new system is the speedier mobilization of volunteers made possible by the preliminary "blue" signal. Traffic and pedestrians are given time, also, to proceed to safe places before the "red" alarm sounds.

Wednesday's practice was the first daylight drill in Pennsylvania since Dec. 13.



Col. Thomas H. Atherton (left) is chairman of Luzerne County Council of Defense, and Henry T. Wheeler (right) heads the Crawford County Council of Defense. Both men are active in Boy Scout and veterans' activities. Atherton is a practicing architect in Wilkes-Barre and Wheeler is Supervisor for the Crawford County Board of Assistance.

News From Local Councils

SCRAP TOTALS: For 1942, Philadelphia, reports total collections of 168,000,000 pounds, including 75,000,000 pounds of metal, and Mifflin County reports over 14,000,000 pounds . . . In five months ending Jan. 30, Northumberland County collected 9,000 tons of metal scrap, enough for six destroyers . . . School children in New Castle have gathered 160,000 tin cans to date.

MAN OF THE YEAR: Gen. Frank D. Beary, Chairman of Lehigh County Council of Defense, was selected by Allentown Rotary Club as the city's "Outstanding Citizen of 1942" . . . He received a citation and plaque at a special meeting.

FELLOWSHIP: Air Raid Wardens in Ambridge, at a monthly meeting, heard a report showing their membership had increased from 75 to 268 during 1942 . . . Ferndale Service Corps and Defense Corps members held a joint banquet . . . In Philadelphia, Air Raid Wardens in six zones have formed a basketball league.

GREETINGS: A Christmas card reached SCD headquarters recently after a long journey from Wellington, New Zealand . . . It was sent by William J. Enders, former director of Delaware County Council of Defense, now a Red Cross field director.

PREPARED: Because of their training in blackouts, post office employees in Canton were able to save the mail and records when fire swept their building . . . "This surely demonstrated the worthwhileness of the drills," an official reported to E. R. Innes, chairman of Bradford County Council of Defense.

APPOINTMENTS: New leaders appointed by County Councils of Defense include: Rev. J. F. Murphy, chairman Mercer County; Russell Williams, chairman, Monroe County; and Carl Peters, coordinator, Dauphin County.

FINANCES: The Borough Council has allotted \$1,000 to Milton Council of Defense for the current year . . . Bethlehem Council of Defense reports \$3498 remaining unspent from 1942 receipts of \$6798 . . . Philadelphia Council of Defense has received \$31,473 from scrap sales and \$8317 from a benefit football game.

VICTORY GARDENS: Tom Balsinger, Victory Garden chairman in Ebensburg, has appointed a sub-committee to obtain plots of ground for community gardens . . . The Lancaster committee will sponsor a series of talks on vegetable gardening and diet . . . Philadelphia plans to increase its Victory Gardens from 10,000 to 30,000.

64 Hospitals In State Approved

Sixty-four hospitals have been tentatively approved as Emergency Base Hospitals in Pennsylvania as the result of a state-wide survey just completed by Roger A. Greene, SCD Hospital Officer.

All of the hospitals have consented through their boards of directors to care for casualties moved from nearby target cities in the event of air raids. Federal funds will be available to pay for this care.

"The survey included all major target areas," said Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the SCD. "The approved hospitals can accommodate 8,693 acute cases and 4,496 convalescents."

He reported also that approximately 5,500 units of frozen and dry blood plasma have been stored in strategic hospitals in Pennsylvania for Civilian Defense use.

Named Executive Director

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service." In this way he will avoid any personal profit from his new position.

The new director brings to his duties a wide educational and religious background and a knowledge of public affairs.

Following World War I, in which he was an aviator in U. S. Naval Aviation, he spent a year in Turkey engaged in post-war emergency work and publicity for the Y. M. C. A. and as Director of Athletics for Constantinople.

He was again in the Near East from 1925 to 1931 as Professor of Philosophy and Religion, and Dean, of Alborz College at Tehran, Iran. He returned to this country to become, at W. and J., one of the youngest college presidents in America.

Born in Florissant, Colorado, on Feb. 27, 1898, Dr. Hutchison is a son of Justice William E. Hutchison of the Supreme Court, Topeka, Kansas. He was graduated from Lafayette College in 1918 with an A. B. degree and later earned an M. A. degree at Harvard and a Ph. D. at University of Pennsylvania.

Following studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, he was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in 1922. He has received honorary degrees from Lafayette, Otterbein, and University of Pittsburgh.

Before going to Iran, he served as Director of Religious Educa-



Air Raid Wardens in Sunbury receiving new kits containing first aid equipment. The canvas containers were made by local high school students.



(Courtesy Harrisburg Telegraph)

A group of air raid shelter wardens enrolled by Harrisburg-Dauphin County Council of Defense are shown in their special capes and hats.

tion, First Presbyterian Church, Norristown, and as Secretary of the Young People's Department, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church. He is the author of the Comprehensive Curriculum and Educational Program for the Presbyterian Church and has written for a number of magazines.

Dr. Hutchison is a director of Princeton Theological Seminary, Alborz College, Western Theological Seminary, and the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. He is married and resides with Mrs. Hutchison and their two children in Washington, Pa.

State Receives 6,000

Beds for Emergency

Six thousand beds and mattresses are being shipped into Pennsylvania under the OCD equipment program for use in an emergency, the SCD has announced.

In the shipment are 900 hospital beds and 5,100 cots, with mattresses to match. They will be stored at central points in the State and will be available for use anywhere in the East, according to Charles E. Clark, SCD Property Officer.

KELL, HORST AND RAMAGE ELECTED

Secretary of Forests and Waters James A. Kell has been named by the SCD to succeed the former Secretary, G. Albert Stewart, as Director of the State Evacuation Authority.

Miles Horst, Secretary of Agriculture, was elected chairman of the Council's Committee on Agriculture, and Samuel Ramage III, Secretary of Public Assistance, was named Director of Emergency Welfare.

Other appointments made by the SCD include Dr. Edgar E. Shifferstine, of Tamaqua, as Deputy Medical Officer, and Raymond H. Riegelmeier as Plant Protection Officer. The latter serves also as Illumination Control Officer.

FLINN RESIGNS POST AS CHIEF WARDEN

The SCD this week accepted the resignation of Ralph E. Flinn as Chief Air Raid Warden and paid tribute to his "volunteer service through many months, and his care and skill in organizing the extensive Air Raid Warning System now operating in Pennsylvania."

Mr. Flinn, whose home is in Pittsburgh, began his volunteer Service in August, 1941. He indicated he felt free to leave now since the basic warning system is complete. His resignation will take effect as soon as a successor is named.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SONG

A new patriotic song dedicated to "the guardians of the home front" has been written and published by Joe F. Weber, of Scranton. The title is "The Defense Corps Song."

POSTERS AID MORALE

Seven thousand placards telling residents how to strengthen morale on the "home front" have been distributed to local homes, schools, fire halls, and industries by the Mifflin County Council of Defense. The printing costs were paid by the American Legion of Lewistown.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

"Homefront," a magazine published monthly in the Bangor area of Northampton County and sent to all service men from that district, celebrated its first anniversary with a 48-page, highly illustrated issue in January.

The magazine, edited by J. Horace Strunk, is brim-full of news and pictures relating to native sons in the armed services.

TECHNICAL UNITS ARE APPOINTED

Technical Committees have been named by the SCD for eastern, central and western Pennsylvania to give advice on unusual problems relating to blackouts, camouflage and air raid shelters.

The committees, made up of architects and engineers, will work closely with U. S. Army Engineers and will be responsible also for assembling accurate reports on damage following enemy air raids.

Those named are:

EASTERN—Chairman, Dean George S. Koyl, University of Pennsylvania; Robert L. Fox, Bethlehem; and the following from Philadelphia: Charles Haydock, James H. Allen, Solomon M. Swaab, H. D. Harral, George W. Pepper, Jr., F. V. Westermeyer, C. H. Stevens, Albert C. Wood.

CENTRAL—Chairman, T. C. Frame, Harrisburg; Ritchie Lawrie, Jr., Harrisburg; John H. Wickersham, Lancaster; Mark C. Krause, Williamsport; Col. S. W. Fleming, Harrisburg; D. A. Elias, Harrisburg; Searle E. von Storch, Scranton; Frank A. Pitkin, Harrisburg; C. Radford Berry, Harrisburg; Major Alexander Colt, Allentown.

WESTERN—Chairman, John F. Laboon, Pittsburgh; Roy L. Phillips, Meadville; W. W. Meyers, Erie; Clifton E. Rodgers, Beaver; and the following from Pittsburgh: Raymond A. Fisher, Dr. Fred W. Adams, Willard H. Buente, James Lyle Stuart, H. D. Pantan, C. T. Sinclair.

NAMED IN LUZERNE

Luzerne County Council of Defense has named William J. Peck, of Harding as chairman of its Victory Garden Committee.

LIST PHONE NUMBERS

With Councils of Defense becoming the nerve center for more and more war activities, the telephone numbers of the local Council and its Volunteer Office are of growing importance.

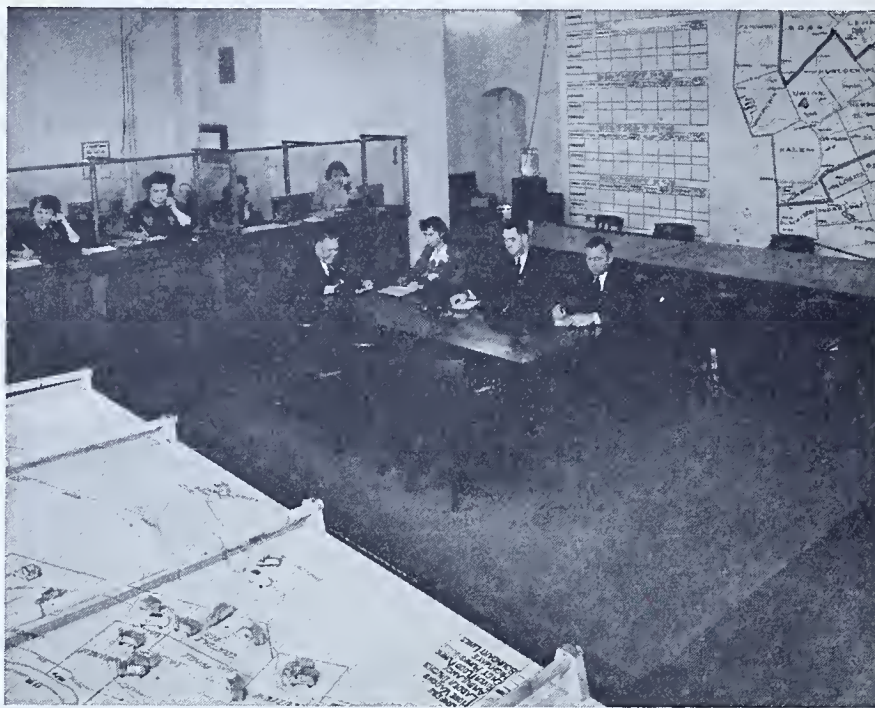
Many Councils are featuring their telephone numbers on posters and in local newspapers. Every means is being used to remind the community that the Defense Council is its "official war agency" for Victory Gardens, Salvage, and the many other programs underway.

SCRAP WINNERS ARE GUESTS AT LAUNCHING

Pupils from the three winning schools in Pennsylvania's School Scrap Campaign were guests of honor at the launching of the 10,500-ton Liberty Ship "Andrew G. Curtin" at Baltimore on Jan. 18.

The pupils were Nellie Margaret Spedding, 10, of Clifford School, Susquehanna County; Arthur Covell, 12, Triumph School, Warren County; and Willis Erway, 12, Broughton School, Tioga County.

The ship, named for Pennsylvania's Civil War Governor, was sponsored by Mrs. Warren R. Roberts, wife of the SCD Salvage Committee chairman.



A view of the Luzerne County Control Center. Large map appears at right and a horizontal table map is in the foreground.

ELECTRIC COMPANY FORMS VOLUNTEERS

Typical of the air raid protection measures taken by electric companies in Pennsylvania is the program developed by employees of the Philadelphia Company and subsidiary companies of Pittsburgh.

Employees in the Central and Duquesne buildings whose daily work does not involve operating responsibilities have formed a Volunteer Defense Organization with the following branches:

Air Raid Alarms, Emergency Guards, Rescue Squads Fire Prevention and Fighting, First Aid, Communication and Messenger Service, Gas Protection and Decontamination. Blackout, Commissary, Transportation, and Office Assistance.

Each of the branches is headed by a director who can assign workers to any place on company property where their services may be required.

FILM LEAFLET

The Radio, Film and Speakers' Bureau of the Philadelphia Council of Defense has published an eight-page leaflet listing films that are available through the bureau and the O.W.I. The bureau, headed by Judge Gerald F. Flood, offers to send speakers along with the films to meetings in the city.

NO DATE SET

No date has been announced yet for another state-wide Control Center drill. The last drill was held Jan. 29, culminating a weekly series that started Dec. 21.

MAGAZINES AID PROGRAM

Interest in the Citizens Service Corps is expected to rise sharply as the result of full-page advertisements now appearing in nearly 300 national magazines as a free contribution of the Magazine Publishers of America.

The "ads" appeal to citizens to volunteer their services to their local Council of Defense and call attention to a new OCD publication, "You and the War."

PHONE CALLS DROP

The idea of a "telephone blackout" was publicized so effectively in Northumberland County that telephone calls declined 60 per cent in the last public air raid drill.

Leaders of the County Council of Defense, who appealed through the newspapers and radio for elimination of all unnecessary calls during and following drills, expressed satisfaction with the results of the campaign.

TELEPHONE CO. CHART SEEN BY THOUSANDS

Thousands of people have seen the new Bell Telephone Co. "electrified flow chart" at meetings in the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg areas during the past two months, and bookings are being made now in other areas.

The chart, which depicts the heavy load placed on telephone facilities during Civilian Defense drills or raids, has been approved by the SCD and recommended to County Councils of Defense.

Bookings this month included the following cities: Lebanon, Pottsville, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, and Sunbury.

Service Volunteers Show Big Increase

With 28 counties reporting, the membership in Civilian War Services in Pennsylvania increased from 87,627 to 151,025 during January, Joseph B. Hutchison, SCD research officer, reported.

Block leaders increased from 8913 to 12,557, Child Care volunteers from 134 to 227, and Red Cross civilian defense aides from 28,209 to 44,861.

The Citizens Defense Corps membership was reported as 572,086, a slight decrease because of an incomplete report from one county.

382 INSTRUCTORS COMPLETE COURSES

A total of 382 instructors completed the regional Driver Corps training courses conducted during December and January, R. Chapman Carver, Chief of Training for the SCD, reported.

The courses, which lasted four days in each area, were sponsored by the SCD under direction of Prof. Amos E. Neyhart, of Pennsylvania State College.

The number of "graduates" at each center follows: Philadelphia 66, Norristown 15, Reading 25, Harrisburg 15, Easton 18, Wilkes-Barre 27, Altoona 55, Williamsport 32, Pittsburgh 74, New Castle 20, and Oil City 35.

EVERY 'Y' HELPS

Every Y.M.C.A. in Pennsylvania is serving Civilian Defense by providing rooms for classes and meetings, loaning movie equipment, or giving physical fitness training, according to a survey by the State "Y" headquarters.

One "Y" reported 40 Civilian Defense meetings had been held in its building during a single month.

CORRECTION

The Canteen Unit pictured in the last issue of DEFENSE COUNCIL NEWS was credited erroneously to the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. Actually, it is a part of the fine protection corps of Pennsylvania Power Co., New Castle.

FINGER-PRINTS FOR ALL IN BLAIR COUNTY

Blair County Council of Defense believes in finger-printing all its volunteer workers and it will even stretch a point by finger-printing others.

Proof of this is given by Bayard S. Maust, SCD representative in Region 6, following a call on Harry Smith, Blair County executive director. Maust inspected the finger-print files, and before he left he had added his own prints to the collection.